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FROM: MOSCOW  
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BASED ON VERSION IN TODAY'S PRAVDA, FOLLOWING ARE  
EMBASSY'S PRINCIPAL IMPRESSIONS OF KHRUSHCHEV'S SPEECH AT  
DNIEPROPETROVSK YESTERDAY; ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS FULL  
MONITORED TEXT.

FACT THAT OVERWHELMING PORTION SPEECH DEVOTED FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
AND, FOR KHRUSHCHEV, IS UNUSUALLY REASONABLE, EVEN CON-  
CILIATORY, IN TONE MAY INDICATE DELIBERATE PLANNING  
FAVORABLE BACKDROP FOR FINAL SUMMIT BID AT POSSIBLE  
FAREWELL MEETING WITH VP NIXON BEFORE LATTER'S DEPARTURE  
USSR. KHRUSHCHEV REITERATED MOST STOCK SOVIET POSITIONS  
ON BERLIN AND GERMANY, AGAIN PERSONALLY ATTACKED  
ADENAUER, AND REMINDED WORLD USSR "IN FEW HOURS CAN WIPE  
FROM FACE OF EARTH WEST GERMANY AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE  
MILITARY BASES LOCATED". HOWEVER, HE OMITTED ANY MENTION  
OF SEPARATE PEACE TREATY WITH GDR, AND EVEN EXPRESSED  
HIS "OPTIMISM" THAT IT IS NOW POSSIBLE "TO FIND ACCEPTABLE  
SOLUTION OF QUESTIONS (AT GENEVA FONMINS' CONFERENCE),  
THEREBY PRESERVING PRESTIGE OF STATES PARTICIPATING IN  
NEGOTIATIONS". AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, KHRUSHCHEV  
STATED FORTHRIGHTLY THAT "TIME HAS COME" FOR HEADS STATE  
TO MEET AND CONSIDER "MOST DIFFICULT UNSETTLED INTERNATIONAL  
QUESTIONS" WHICH FONMINS UNABLE RESOLVE.

ALSO NOTABLE IN SPEECH IS KHRUSHCHEV'S ADMISSION THAT  
PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND VP NIXON BOTH "UNDERSTAND"  
CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES OF WAR BETWEEN MAJOR POWERS  
POWERS AND "NECESSITY DEVOTING ALL EFFORTS TO SETTLING  
EXISTING DISPUTED QUESTIONS WITHOUT WAR". IN THIS CONNECTION  
KHRUSHCHEV ECHOED NIXON (IN SPEECH AT SOKOLNIKI EXHIBITION  
OPENING) THAT PRESIDENT KNOWS FIRST HAND WHAT WAR REALLY  
IS LIKE, AND ADDED THAT HE "HONORABLY FULFILLED ALL

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CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT WITH US" WHEN COMMANDER OF  
ALLIED FORCES DURING WORLD WAR II.

IN EMBASSY'S OPINION THESE POSITIVE ASPECTS AND TONE OF  
SPEECH OUTWEIGH OTHERMORE TYPICAL KHRUSHCHEVIAN EXCURSIONS  
THEREIN--HIS PETULANT DEFENSE OF SOVIET ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS  
(REACTION TO SOKOLNIKI EXHIBITION), EXCORIATION OF  
"CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK", COMPLAINT THAT US BROADCASTING  
COMPANIES VIOLATED HIS AGREEMENT WITH VP TO WITHHOLD  
TV COVERAGE OF THEIR SOKOLNIKI CONVERSATION UNTIL  
TRANSLATIONS HAD BEEN CHECKED, HIS RUN-OF-MILL ATTACK ON  
US MILITARY BASE SYSTEM, ETC.

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